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# H. R. 4644

To authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 18, 2005

Mr. MENENDEZ introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To authorize grants to carry out projects to provide education on preventing teen pregnancies, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Teen Pregnancy Pre-  
5       vention, Responsibility, and Opportunity Act of 2005”.

6       **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7       The Congress finds as follows:

1           (1) The United States has the highest teen-  
2 pregnancy rate and teen birth rate in the western in-  
3 dustrialized world, costing the United States at least  
4 \$7 billion annually.

5           (2) About one out of three of all young women  
6 in America become pregnant before they reach the  
7 age of 20.

8           (3) Teen pregnancy has serious consequences  
9 for young women, their children, and communities  
10 as a whole. Too-early childbearing increases the like-  
11 lihood that a young woman will drop out of high  
12 school and that she and her child will live in poverty.

13          (4) Statistically, the sons of teen mothers are  
14 more likely to end up in prison. The daughters of  
15 teen mothers are more likely to end up teen mothers  
16 too.

17          (5) Teens that grow up in disadvantaged eco-  
18 nomical, social, and familial circumstances are more  
19 likely to engage in risky behavior and have a child  
20 during adolescence.

21          (6) Teens with strong emotional attachments to  
22 their parents are more likely to become sexually ac-  
23 tive at a later age. Seven out of ten teens say that  
24 they are prepared to listen to things parents thought  
25 they were not ready to hear.

1           (7) 78 percent of white and 70 percent of Afri-  
2           can American teenagers report that lack of commu-  
3           nication between a teenage girl and her parents is  
4           frequently a reason a teenage girl has a baby.

5           (8) One study found that the likelihood of teens  
6           having sex for the first time increased with the num-  
7           ber of unsupervised hours teens have during a week.

8           (9) After-school programs reduce teen risky be-  
9           havior by involving teens in activities that provide al-  
10          ternatives to sex. Teenage girls who play sports, for  
11          instance, are more likely to delay sex and have fewer  
12          partners and less likely to become pregnant.

13          (10) After-school programs help prevent teen  
14          pregnancy by advancing good decision-making skills  
15          and providing teens health education and positive  
16          role models in a supervised setting.

17          (11) Eight in 10 girls and six in 10 boys report  
18          that they wish they had waited until they were older  
19          to have sex.

20   **SEC. 3. EDUCATION PROGRAM FOR PREVENTING TEEN**  
21                           **PREGNANCIES.**

22          (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Health and  
23          Human Services (referred to in this Act as the “Sec-  
24          retary”) may make grants to local educational agencies,  
25          State and local public health agencies, and nonprofit pri-

1 vate entities for the purpose of carrying out projects to  
2 provide education on preventing teen pregnancies.

3 (b) PREFERENCE IN MAKING GRANTS.—In making  
4 grants under subsection (a), the Secretary shall give pref-  
5 erence to applicants that will carry out the projects under  
6 such subsection in communities for which the rate of teen  
7 pregnancy is significantly above the average rate of such  
8 pregnancies.

9 (c) CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.—A grant may be  
10 made under subsection (a) only if the applicant for the  
11 grant meets the following conditions with respect to the  
12 project involved:

13 (1) The applicant agrees that information pro-  
14 vided by the project on pregnancy prevention will be  
15 age-appropriate, factually and medically accurate  
16 and complete, and scientifically-based.

17 (2) The applicant agrees that the project will  
18 give priority to preventing teen pregnancies by—

19 (A) encouraging teens to delay sexual ac-  
20 tivity;

21 (B) providing educational services and  
22 interventions for sexually active teens or teens  
23 at risk of becoming sexually active;

1 (C) educating both young men and women  
2 about the responsibilities and pressures that  
3 come along with parenting;

4 (D) helping parents communicate with  
5 teens about sexuality; or

6 (E) teaching young people responsible deci-  
7 sion-making.

8 (d) MATCHING FUNDS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of  
10 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by  
11 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-  
12 section only if the applicant agrees to make available  
13 (directly or through donations from public or private  
14 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such  
15 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent  
16 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-  
17 vided in the grant).

18 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-  
19 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-  
20 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-  
21 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.  
22 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or  
23 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-  
24 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-

1       cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-  
2       eral contributions.

3       (e) MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT.—With respect to the  
4       activities for which a grant under subsection (a) is author-  
5       ized to be expended, such a grant may be made for a fiscal  
6       year only if the applicant involved agrees to maintain ex-  
7       penditures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at  
8       a level that is not less than the level of such expenditures  
9       maintained by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the  
10      first fiscal year for which the entity received such a grant.

11      (f) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall  
12      establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-  
13      section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection  
14      only if the applicant involved—

15              (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project  
16      in accordance with such criteria;

17              (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-  
18      ports describing the results of the evaluations as the  
19      Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

20              (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application  
21      under subsection (g), a plan for conducting the eval-  
22      uations.

23      (g) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be  
24      made under subsection (a) only if an application for the  
25      grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application

1 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains  
2 such agreements, assurances, and information, including  
3 the agreements under subsections (c) through (f) and the  
4 plan under subsection (f)(3), as the Secretary determines  
5 to be necessary to carry out this section.

6 (h) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October  
7 1, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a re-  
8 port describing the extent to which projects under sub-  
9 section (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of  
10 teen pregnancies in the communities in which the projects  
11 have been carried out.

12 (i) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of this section:

13 (1) The term “age-appropriate”, with respect to  
14 information on pregnancy prevention, means topics,  
15 messages, and teaching methods suitable to par-  
16 ticular ages or age groups of children and adoles-  
17 cents, based on developing cognitive, emotional, and  
18 behavioral capacity typical for the age or age group.

19 (2) The term “factually and medically accurate  
20 and complete” means verified or supported by the  
21 weight of research conducted in compliance with ac-  
22 cepted scientific methods and—

23 (A) published in peer-reviewed journals,  
24 where applicable; or

1 (B) comprising information that leading  
2 professional organizations and agencies with  
3 relevant expertise in the field recognize as accu-  
4 rate, objective, and complete.

5 (3) The term “local educational agency” has  
6 the meaning given such term in section 9101 of the  
7 Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

8 (j) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
9 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
10 to be appropriated \$20,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
11 2006 through 2010.

12 **SEC. 4. REAUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN AFTER-SCHOOL**  
13 **PROGRAMS.**

14 (a) 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CEN-  
15 TERS.—Section 4206 of the Elementary and Secondary  
16 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7176) is amended—

17 (1) in paragraph (5), by striking  
18 “\$2,250,000,000” and inserting “\$2,500,000,000”;  
19 and

20 (2) in paragraph (6), by striking  
21 “\$2,500,000,000” and inserting “\$2,750,000,000”.

22 (b) CAROL M. WHITE PHYSICAL EDUCATION PRO-  
23 GRAM.—Section 5401 of the Elementary and Secondary  
24 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7241) is amended—



1           (1) by striking “There are” and inserting “(a)  
2       IN GENERAL.—There are”; and

3           (2) by adding at the end the following:

4       “(b) PHYSICAL EDUCATION.—In addition to the  
5 amounts authorized to be appropriated by subsection (a),  
6 there are authorized to be appropriated \$73,000,000 for  
7 each of fiscal years 2006 and 2007 to carry out subpart  
8 10.”.

9       (c) FEDERAL TRIO PROGRAMS.—Section 402A(f) of  
10 the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–  
11 11(f)) is amended by striking “\$700,000,000 for fiscal  
12 year 1999, and such sums as may be necessary for each  
13 of the 4 succeeding fiscal years” and inserting  
14 “\$883,000,000 for fiscal year 2006 and such sums as may  
15 be necessary for each of the 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

16       (d) GEARUP.—Section 404H of the Higher Edu-  
17 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1070a–28) is amended by  
18 striking “\$200,000,000 for fiscal year 1999 and such  
19 sums as may be necessary for each of the 4 succeeding  
20 fiscal years” and inserting “\$325,000,000 for fiscal year  
21 2006 and such sums as may be necessary for each of the  
22 5 succeeding fiscal years”.

1 **SEC. 5. DEMONSTRATION GRANTS TO ENCOURAGE CRE-**  
2 **ATIVE APPROACHES TO TEEN PREGNANCY**  
3 **PREVENTION AND AFTER-SCHOOL PRO-**  
4 **GRAMS.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may make grants  
6 to public or nonprofit private entities for the purpose of  
7 assisting the entities in demonstrating innovative ap-  
8 proaches to prevent teen pregnancies.

9 (b) CERTAIN APPROACHES.—Approaches under sub-  
10 section (a) may include approaches such as the following:

11 (1) Encouraging teen-driven approaches to  
12 pregnancy prevention.

13 (2) Exposing teens to realistic simulations of  
14 the physical, emotional, and financial toll of preg-  
15 nancy and parenting.

16 (3) Facilitating communication between parents  
17 and children, especially programs that have been  
18 evaluated and proven effective.

19 (c) MATCHING FUNDS.—

20 (1) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the costs of  
21 the project to be carried out under subsection (a) by  
22 an applicant, a grant may be made under such sub-  
23 section only if the applicant agrees to make available  
24 (directly or through donations from public or private  
25 entities) non-Federal contributions toward such  
26 costs in an amount that is not less than 25 percent

1 of such costs (\$1 for each \$3 of Federal funds pro-  
2 vided in the grant).

3 (2) DETERMINATION OF AMOUNT CONTRIB-  
4 UTED.—Non-Federal contributions required in para-  
5 graph (1) may be in cash or in kind, fairly evalu-  
6 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.  
7 Amounts provided by the Federal Government, or  
8 services assisted or subsidized to any significant ex-  
9 tent by the Federal Government, may not be in-  
10 cluded in determining the amount of such non-Fed-  
11 eral contributions.

12 (d) EVALUATION OF PROJECTS.—The Secretary shall  
13 establish criteria for the evaluation of projects under sub-  
14 section (a). A grant may be made under such subsection  
15 only if the applicant involved—

16 (1) agrees to conduct evaluations of the project  
17 in accordance with such criteria;

18 (2) agrees to submit to the Secretary such re-  
19 ports describing the results of the evaluations as the  
20 Secretary determines to be appropriate; and

21 (3) submits to the Secretary, in the application  
22 under subsection (e), a plan for conducting the eval-  
23 uations.

24 (e) APPLICATION FOR GRANT.—A grant may be  
25 made under subsection (a) only if an application for the

1 grant is submitted to the Secretary and the application  
2 is in such form, is made in such manner, and contains  
3 such agreements, assurances, and information, including  
4 the agreements under subsections (c) and (d) and the plan  
5 under subsection (d)(3), as the Secretary determines to  
6 be necessary to carry out this section.

7 (f) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than October  
8 1, 2011, the Secretary shall submit to the Congress a re-  
9 port describing the extent to which projects under sub-  
10 section (a) have been successful in reducing the rate of  
11 teen pregnancies in the communities in which the projects  
12 have been carried out. Such reports shall describe the var-  
13 ious approaches used under subsection (a) and the effec-  
14 tiveness of each of the approaches.

15 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—For the  
16 purpose of carrying out this section, there is authorized  
17 to be appropriated \$5,000,000 for each of the fiscal years  
18 2006 through 2010.

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